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**Re: Proposed Permit No. UR 03075 Uranium Engery Corp. (UEC)  
UEC's Request for Exempted Aquifer**

Dear Mr. Greene:

Attached is a copy of our letter to the TCEQ stating our concerns about Uranium Engergy Corp.'s request for an exempted aquifer in order to mine uranium in the recharge zone of our aquifer.

Our aquifer is an absolute lifeline for the residents of not only Goliad County but this Region. We disagree with the position TCEQ has taken that ISR uranium mining can be done safely without risking the quality or quantity of our drinking water.

We would appreciate your taking the time to read about our concerns.

Respectfully,

*Belitha B. McKinney*  
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July 24, 2008

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Re: **Permit #UR 03075 Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) and  
UEC's Request for Exempted Aquifer**

Dear Chief Clerk:

We respectfully request a Public Meeting in Goliad County, Texas with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Uranium Energy Corporation regarding Proposed Permit No. UR03075 and UEC's request for an Exempted Aquifer.

We own a ranch in southern DeWitt County that has been in the family since the 1800s. As resident ranchers, we recognize the value of where we live not only for ourselves, but also for so many others that farm, ranch and promote rural Texas for Heritage and Nature Tourism and Economic Development. Maintaining our life-sustaining drinking water is key!

We depend on our well water for drinking, bathing and watering our livestock and are truly concerned about the potential impact that uranium exploration and mining will have on our groundwater. Some months ago, we invested in a comprehensive water well test to establish a baseline of our water quality something that should be required "by law" prior to any exploration.

While attending the Public Meeting in Goliad on January 24, 2008, there was not adequate evidence that UEC's exploration and mining processes will not contaminate our aquifer nor was there adequate evidence that in-situ mining is safe nor truly beneficial for our region. Too much groundwater is required. Groundwater must be secured not entrusted to an industry that could potentially destroy our precious resource for their personal gain.

TCEQ is responsible for protecting our water thus granting Permit #UR03075 or Requesting an Exemption for any portion of our Aquifer is certainly not in the best interest of Texas. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our request and opinions. Copies of this are also being forwarded to the EPA as well as our State and US Congressional Representatives.

Sincerely,

*Belitha B. McKinney*  
*M. H. McKinney*